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TAGS: EAGR, HO

SUBJECT: GOH REQUESTS DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM USG  
BECAUSE OF DROUGHT ( DISASTER MESSAGE NO TWO)

REF: 1534

THERE FOLLOWS ROUGH TRANSLATION/ PARAPHRASE OF NOTE  
DATED APRIL 25, 1973, TO AMBASSADOR RYAN, FROM CHIEF OF  
STAFF COL. DE LA CRUZ HERNANDEZ, IN LATTER'S CAPACITY  
AS PRESIDENT OF PERMANENT COUNCIL OF NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY ( COPEN).

BEGIN TEXT

1. VAST ZONE OF NATIONAL TERRITORY IS BEING HEAVILY  
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AFFECTED BY DROUGHT, WITH CONSEQUENCES OF DANGEROUS

SHORTAGE OF FOODS AND DEFICIENT SANITARY CONDITIONS,  
CREATING SERIOUS HEALTH DANGERS.

2. ALSO, IT IS PRESUMED THAT DURING LAST MONTHS OF YEAR  
AND PARTICULARLY IN NORTH, WE WILL FACE SERIOUS CRISIS  
FROM HEAVY INUNDATIONS, NATURAL PHENOMENON WHICH OCCURS  
CYCLICALLY, AND PRECISELY SHOULD RECUR THIS YEAR.

3. SINCE SITUATION IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL, AND SINCE GOH  
IS NOT CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH IT, I AM ASKING YOU MR  
AMBASSADOR, TO INTERCEDE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH  
US WITH TECHNICIANS AND EQUIPMENT, TO DONATE BASIC FOODS,  
WHICH COULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE NATIONAL BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WELFARE, CARITAS OF HONDURAS, AND CARE.

4. TO GIVE CLEARER PICTURE WE CITE FOLLOWING:

A.) AREA MOST AFFECTED BY DROUGHT:  
APPROXIMATELY 20,000 SQUARE KMS. AND COVERING  
DEPARTMENTS OF VALLE, CHOLUTECA, EL PARAISO, FRANCISCO  
MORAZAN, AND SANTA BARBARA.

B.) POPULATION MOST AFFECTED:  
APPROXIMATELY 300,000 PERSONS, 200,000 OF WHOM ARE CHILDREN.

5. RESOURCES WHICH WE ASK FROM USG.

A.) HUMAN RESOURCES:  
(1) FIVE HYDROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS  
(2) FIVE TECHNICIANS FOR DRILLING OF WELLS  
(3) TWO TECHNICIANS FOR FLOOD CONTROL  
(4) TECHNICIANS TO OPERATE WELL DRILLING EQUIPMENT.

B.) EQUIPMENT:  
(1) THREE SELF- PROPELLED MACHINES FOR WELL DIGGING  
(2) HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DIKES,  
DRAINAGE AND EARTH MOVEMENT

C.) FOODS:  
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CONSIDERING PERIOD BEFORE WHICH THIS POPULATION CAN  
GATHER ITS HARVESTS, FOOD ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE  
DURATION OF FIVE MONTHS (150 DAYS), FOR POPULATION OF  
APPROXIMATELY 300,000 PERSONS.

(1) TOTAL IS NEEDED OF 20,395 SHORT TONS, OR  
40,795,000 LBS.

(2) QUANTITY OF FOOD SOLICITED FROM USG IS 15,703 SHORT

TONS, AS PER FOLLOWING TABLE:

BARLEY: 4.6875 TONS PER DAY, 37.5 TONS FOR EIGHT  
DAYS, 703.125 TONS FOR 150 DAYS. 155 TONS VIA  
PUERTO CORTES, 548 TONS VIA AMAPALA.

CSM: 18.75 TONS PER DAY, 150 TONS FOR EIGHT DAYS,  
2,812.5 TONS FOR 150 DAYS. 2,193 TONS VIA  
PUERTO CORTES, 619 TONS VIA AMAPALA.

OIL: 6.15 TONS FOR ONE DAY.\*50 TONS FOR 8 DAYS,  
937.5 TONS FOR 150 DAYS. 207 TONS PUERTO  
CORTES, 731 TONS AMAPALA.

CORN: 37.5 TONS PER DAY, 300 TONS FOR EIGHT DAYS,  
5,625 TONS FOR 150 DAYS. 1,238 TONS PUERTO  
CORTES, 4,387 TONS AMAPALA.

RICE: 37.5 TONS PER DAY, 300 TONS FOR EIGHT DAYS,  
5,625 TONS FOR 150 DAYS. 1,238 TONS PUERTO  
CORTES, 4,387 AMAPALA.

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